

Village of East Nassau

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – June 14, 2017

The regular Village meeting held at the Hoags Corners Ambulance Building was called to order by Mayor Mitchell Levinn at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present: Mayor Mitchell Levinn presiding, trustees William Davis and Adam Acquario. Also present were attorney Joseph Catalano, clerk Diane Maguire, treasurer Doris McCarthy, DPW superintendent Michael Dorr and code enforcement officer Fred Jacob. Two residents from the public were in the audience.

Additions to the Agenda: Tree trimming under “New Business.”

Correspondence: 1.) Notice of Shared Services Initiative meeting at Columbia-Greene Community College regarding the poor services from FairPoint Communications; hoping for better and more affordable service from the new company taking over.

2.) Notice of Rensselaer County’s first meeting on Shared Services Initiative. Any suggestions or thoughts on this, please let mayor Levinn know – new initiatives only.

3.) Note from town supervisor David Fleming regarding Murdock Road bridge. The town is responsible for paying 5% of the \$1.2 million grant, which would be \$60,000 and he asked if the village could contribute to this cost. Mayor Levinn asked the board’s input. Discussion ensued on this issue with attorney Catalano commenting on various points.

Bills/Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer McCarthy stated that all village Key Bank accounts are closed. M & T Bank is now the official village bank. Paychex billed us twice, however this error was corrected and Paychex will reimburse the village. On the outstanding bills to be paid this month only one voucher is not listed on the report to be included for payment.

A motion to pay the outstanding bills was made by trustee Acquario; seconded by trustee W. Davis.

Poll Vote: W. Davis – yes; Acquario – yes; Levinn – yes. Motion carried.

Transfers of funds are needed before the books can be closed for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2017. Mayor Levinn made a motion to transfer \$281.44 from A1990.4 to A1325.4; seconded by trustee Acquario. **Poll Vote:** W. Davis – yes; Acquario – yes; Levinn – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Levinn made a motion to transfer \$693.15 from A1990.4 to A9040.8 workers’ comp; seconded by trustee W. Davis. **Poll Vote:** W. Davis – yes; Acquario – yes; Levinn – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the treasurer’s report was made by trustee W. Davis, seconded by trustee Acquario. **Poll Vote:** W. Davis – yes; Acquario – yes; Levinn – yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mary Hamilton commented on the Murdock Road bridge.

Presentation: At this time Bill Mulrein, Sr. Engineer from FairPoint Communications in Chatham arrived. Mr. Mulrein spoke on the upcoming consolidation and improvement of broadband services in the East Nassau. He presented maps showing the under-served areas in East Nassau. The state of New York mandates affordable service, such as \$40 for 25/4 service. Mr. Mulrein stated all work on broadband updating should be completed by 2018 with all customers activated by 2020. The transition of FairPoint to CCI was discussed and all questions and concerns were addressed. Mr. Mulrein with keep the mayor updated and informed of any upcoming meetings and their locations if anyone wants to attend.

Nancy Clement commented on broadband services and how difficult it is to understand. Ed Peplowski also commented on the broadband services and how very confusing it is to seniors.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 10, 2017 Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of 2017 Repeal of the Tax Cap were reviewed and there were no changes or corrections. A motion to accept these minutes as presented was made by trustee Acquario; seconded by trustee W. Davis. **Poll Vote:** W. Davis – yes; Acquario – yes; Levinn – yes. Motion carried.

The minutes of the May 10, 2017 Public Hearing on the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance were reviewed and there were no changes. A motion to accept these minutes as presented was made by trustee Acquario; seconded by trustee W. Davis. **Poll Vote:** W. Davis – yes; Acquario – yes; Levinn – yes. Motion carried.

The minutes of the May 10, 2017 Regular Meeting were reviewed and there were no changes. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by trustee Acquario; seconded by trustee W. Davis. **Poll Vote:** W. Davis – yes; Acquario – yes; Levinn – yes. Motion carried.

Attorney Report: The Leash Law was tabled at the last meeting until this month. Attorney Catalano spoke with the Nassau Town Court Administration and was advised that this could be accomplished via shared services. It would be easier to have a shared services agreement with the town’s animal control officer rather than with Town Court Administration. Discussion ensued. Mayor Levinn will talk with the town supervisor

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regarding extra territory for the animal control officer on a per occurrence type of arrangement or an annual arrangement. He will have a report at next month's meeting. Trustee Acquario thinks this is an unnecessary expense based on so few complaints; trustee W. Davis thinks it is important.

Code Enforcement Officer: CEO Fred Jacob said it has been a quiet month and reported the following (Mr. Jacob's report is also on the village website):

- Documentation received from Solar City enabling closure on the Dunham Hollow Road project.
- Sign to be removed on Routes 66 & 20.
- Followed up with the pastor for the church on Route 66 regarding the dumpster.
- Improvement on Zucconi Way: questions on garage construction near waterway.

Zoning Board: No report.

Highway Report: DPW superintendent Michael Dorr reported they have been very busy the past few weeks. The bottom of Gardner Hill Road was repaired.

Dust control is in the process of being applied to village roads. The dust control for the Lewis property on Woodard Road ends at their driveway. Mr. Dorr will check with Stephentown to see if we can dust control on this small portion.

Grading has not been completed due to Darcy's grader being broken down. Mayor Levinn asked what Darcy has done to improve their equipment. Mr. Dorr will check with Darcy on this issue. According to the contract we are not obligated to Darcy for grading.

Within the next week, the sides of all village roads will be mowed.

Community Quality Projects: Trustee Acquario reported all the flags are up. However, they are getting faded and will have to be replaced next year. The Bell Park has been mowed and a price quote for a concrete slab with a granite top for mounting the plaque is being obtained. Nothing to report on youth projects.

Senior Advocacy Committee: Nancy Clement presented the mission statement. Mayor Levinn read the statement and attorney Catalano suggested some revisions. Next newsletter is scheduled for September 1. Eight seniors took advantage of the free breakfasts at the firehouses. At the August 12 meeting there will be a speaker on long-term care. Don't forget the annual tag sale on July 15.

Treasurer: Nothing more to report.

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Historian Report: No report.

Mayor: Mayor Levinn reported:

- Board and ZBA members are due for another 4 units of training for 2017.
- June 26 is the next Shared Services Initiative meeting.
- NY State Police are hiring; exam to be given in October.
- State Comptroller's Office informed mayor Levinn that they no longer care about Tax Cap or Tax Cap Repeal. Based on this information, do we still have to do this law every year? Attorney Catalano will check this out.
- Term Limits to be discussed at July meeting.

Old Business: Land Use Regulations workshop needs to be scheduled, but due to the absence of two board members the date cannot be confirmed at this time. This workshop will be scheduled at the next meeting; Mayor Levinn will email all board members to review current regulations prior to workshop.

New Business: Murdock Road Bridge: This is a 3-year project. As stated above, the town asked if the village could help cost sharing with the 5%. Discussion on amount ensued. By board consensus, it was decided to contribute the amount of the taxes received on the three Murdock Road properties.

Tree Trimming: Not discussed.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, trustee W. Davis made a motion to adjourn; seconded by trustee Acquario. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diane Maguire, Village Clerk